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A Game for the Heart & Not for the Head

BRISTOL
& WEST



BRISTOL
v
GLOUCESTER

at The Memorial Ground
Sunday 29th December 1996
Kick off 3.00 pm



We trust that you've fully recovered from the Christmas festivities - remember when there were matches on Boxing Day? - and now have preparations in hand for the New Year celebrations. Just think, all those summer holiday adverts are now on television and the Easter eggs will be in the shop soon!

But before all that, thankfully, it's back to Courage League action, and another Sunday outing, as we welcome the players, officials and supporters from Gloucester Rugby Football Club for the 194th encounter. Gloucester have won 98, Bristol 78 with the honours even on seventeen occasions. This fixture dates back to September 1892 when Gloucester, with home advantage, were the 14pts-nil victors after scoring through three tries and two drop goals. The return game, in March 1893, ended 2pts-2 with both sides scoring a try. Bristol gained revenge the following season by completing the double with a 7pts-3 (one try, one drop goal to one try) at Gloucester and a 7pts-nil (one try, one drop goal) when they met in Bristol. Back in 1898 a newspaper reporter wrote:

Associated with the meeting of Bristol and Gloucester are many features of exceptional interest. Since the season 1892/93, when the Gloucester Club acknowledged the progress of the Rugby game in Bristol, some rare fights have been witnessed, and one can almost say that much that is in the history of the rise in Bristol football is connected with the annual meetings of the two town fifteens.

In November 1890, Bristol played a side called Gloucester A and lost, away from home, 22pts-nil through six tries and four conversions.

There were also two games, both at Bristol, against the Gloucester Regiment. The first, in December 1913, ended in a Bristol victory by 41pts-nil and the second, in September 1927, resulted in a 28pts-nil victory for Bristol.

Later in this programme we look back to February 1962 when Gloucester's scrum half was 17 year old John Spalding. Do you remember the scoreline?

Last Saturday Gloucester progressed to the Sixth Round of the Pilkington Cup with a convincing 55pts-20 victory at Kingsholm over Leeds.

Mark Mapletoft scored thirty points through two tries, four conversions and four penalties. Former Bristol, and Bath, wing Mike Lloyd also crossed for two tries with a try each from Scott Benton, Pete Glanville and captain Dave Sims.

In the League 'Head to Head' Gloucester have won seven of the thirteen encounters including the double last season. Here at The Memorial Ground in January it ended 14pts-31 and then in April at Kingsholm the final score was 18pts-14. This season in the League, Gloucester are in eighth place, two points clear of Bristol, having

won four of their nine games.

At Kingsholm they beat Wasps (28pts-23) and London Irish (29pts-19) while on the road they had victories at Orrell (49pts-3) and West Hartlepool (23pts-11).

Their defeats at Kingsholm have been Bath (45pts-29) and Sale (16pts-12) while away from home they have lost 75pts-19 at Harlequins, 32pts-14 at Leicester and 41pts-11 at Saracens.

Gloucester Club File

Founded : 1873

Pilkington Cup Winners 1972, 1982 (shared)

Losing Finalists 1990

League Runners-up 1988/89, 1989/90

Last Season League: eighth

Cup: beaten 19pts-10 by Bath in Semi Final

President: Reg Collins. Chairman: Alan Brinn

Director of Coaching: Richard Hill

Captain: Dave Sims

Main Sponsors: Westbury Homes

Players In: Chris Catling (Exeter), Richard Ward (Havant), Paul Price, Scott Edwards (both Lydney), Andrew Metcalfe, Alex Morris (both Wakefield), Eral Anderson (Moseley), Dave Timmington, Simon Johnson, Ed Pearce (all Bath), Nigel Cane (Plymouth Albion), Nick Cooper (Clifton), Nick Smith (Bristol), Craig Emerson (Morley), Kester Wilkingson (Cirencester), Nick Yelland (Redruth)
Departures: Craig Raymond, Bruce Fenley, Tim Smith, Pete Miles (all Worcester), Richard West (Richmond), Hilton Brown (Harlequins), Damian Cummins (Rugby Lions).

Bristol v Gloucester Record

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst
Home:	97	52	38	7	847	691
Away:	96	26	60	10	659	1034
Total:	193	78	98	17	1506	1725

Today's Match Officials

The referee this afternoon is Doug Chapman from Scunthorpe.

Doug is in a Senior Management position in the communications industry and communication is a strong feature of his refereeing, evident by the respect gained from players in Yorkshire and throughout the country.

Doug, married with three children, played his rugby as a full back and outside half and fully participates in rugby matters having taken active roles as Referee Training Officer.

Coach and chairman of his club Scunthorpe's local mini/junior section and is currently Chairman of local Referee's Society. Doug is a member of the RFU Panel Referees and one of his RFU appointments that took him on a trip to South Africa to lecture and referee.

The senior Touch Judge is Tom Ashworth, also a member of the RFU Panel of Referees, from Bracknell in Berkshire with Sam Collins, from Cheltenham, the other Touch Judge. Mike Curling, from Bath is the RFU Adviser.



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BRISTOL Blue			GLOUCESTER Cherry & White		
A	PAUL HULL	Full Back	CHRIS CATLING	15	
E	DAVE TIUETI	Right Wing	MIKE PETERS	14	
C	SIMON MARTIN	Centre	DON CASKIE	13	
D	MARK DENNEY	Centre	MARTYN ROBERTS	12	
B	BEN BREEZE	Left Wing	MIKE LLOYD	11	
F	PAUL BURKE	Outside Half	MARK MAPLETOFT	10	
G	RICHARD SMITH	Scrum Half	SCOTT BENTON	9	
H	ALAN SHARP	Prop	TONY WINDO	1	
I	MARK REGAN	Hooker	PHIL GREENING	2	
J	DAVID HINKINS	Prop	ANDY DEACON	3	
K	SIMON SHAW	Lock	ROB FIDLER	4	
L	CHAD EAGLE	Lock	DAVE SIMS (Capt.)	5	
M	DAVID CORKERY	Flanker	PETE GLANVILLE	6	
N	MARTIN CORRY (Capt.)	No.8	IAN SMITH	7	
O	SAID FILALI	Flanker	SIMON DEVEREUX	8	
P	DEAN DEWDNEY	Replacements	LAURIE BECK	16	
Q	BARRY McCONNELL		NATHAN CARTER	17	
R	MARK TAINTON		CRAIG EMMERSON	18	
S	CRAIG BARROW		PHIL VICKERY	19	

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RFU Adviser M Curling (Bath)		